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Application No.: 09/124,925 Group Art unit: 1745
Applicant: Koichi ASHIZAWA et al. Examiner: T. Dove
Filed: July 29, 1998 Attorney Docket: ASHI3001/FJD
Title: (As Amended) Current collector with penetrating holes of complicated
shape for use in a secondary battery and manufacturing process
thereof

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


This is in response to the Official Action of August 17, 2006, in connection with the above identified application.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group II invention, which is claim 4, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group II invention without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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